

**Puerto Rican Educators  
Association Inc. of New Jersey  
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**Teacher Recognition Day  
June 10, 1983**

**Don Pepe's Restaurant  
844 McCarter Hwy.  
Newark, N. J.**

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# PROGRAM

History of Camaguey.....	Nancy Rivera
Innovation.....	Bro. Albi Castro 1st Presbyterian Church
Salvage.....	Carmon Perez President
Swirlings.....	John A. MacCieles Astorga Bilingual Program Director
.....	Dr. Columbus Solley Executive Superintendent Miami School System
Guest Speech.....	Ann Lopez Supervisor of Bilingual Education State Department of Education

# HONOREES

Editha's Solo.....	PERA Award
President.....	Carmon Perez
Hostess Solo.....	Community Award
Participant.....	Dr. Juan Rosario

Slower - Dance  
By

Esperanza Castro International

Raffle  
Second Trip Ticket to Puerto Rico



Mr. Placento Soto, this year's recipient of the "Outstanding Educator's Award" is a native of Puerto Rico where he completed his elementary education. He attended East College, the American University, William Paterson and Montclair State Colleges, obtaining masters degrees from the last two.

Mr. Soto's experience in counseling has been quite diversified ranging from the college level at Montclair State College and Rutgers University to the junior high school level at Broadway Jr. High School in Newark. He taught in the adult education SED Program in Hoboken as well as an adjunct professor at Montclair State College.

His experience in Newark includes Bilingual Coordinator; Assistant Administrator of the Title I Bilingual Component; Vice Principal at Dr. W. H. Horton and Ethel M. Johnson; Associate Assistant Executive Superintendent for Bilingual Education. He has lectured at many colleges and universities to bilingual teachers and staff. He is the second Vice President of the Jersey City Human Rights Commission; past president of the Hispanic Education Club and past treasurer of the Jersey City College International Relations Club. Presently, he is the Principal at Roberto Clemente Elementary School where he continuously demonstrates his commitment to bilingual education.

As this year's outstanding educator, we are all very proud of Mr. Soto.



Hector Ortiz, a native of Puerto Rico, has lived in Newark for over thirty years. His professional and personal accomplishments are a realization of his commitment to Newark, his children, and their education. As an undergraduate at Rutgers University he was instrumental in developing the Puerto Rican Students Organization (PRO), executing the leadership role of a true ombudsman. He received the Aspira Award for Leadership, and gained the affection and respect of his colleagues.

Hector received a Bachelor of Science in Physical Education from Rutgers University, and taught in various schools in Newark and later in Plainfield High School.

His desire to continue in the helping professions motivated him to receive a Masters degree in Guidance and Student Personnel Services from Fresno State College.

Hector was hired by Essex County College as an Admissions Officer/Foreign Student Advisor: an opportunity which allowed him to counsel students and serve as role model and incentive for many Newark students to attend college. He was later promoted to Director of Project SED: a high school equivalency diploma program.

Presently, Hector is Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Essex County College. His responsibilities at ECC have rendered him the opportunity to address the entire Newark community, always for the purpose of providing assistance, guidance and motivation. His relationship with the Newark community was epitomized on April 12, when Hector was elected to the Newark Board of Education.

Hector is also a member of the Newark Borinquen Lions Club, and participates in the Tiger Cubs of the Boys Scouts of America.